

Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4843. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Semiannual Report relative to the Board's activities and accomplishments during the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4844. A communication from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4845. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4846. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Gallery's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4847. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Institution's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2562. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Finance.

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By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2564. A bill to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2565. A bill to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2566. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain home purchases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2567. A bill to provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2568. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit

preleasing, leasing, and related activities in the Chukchi and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas unless certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2569. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Cancer Institute to make grants for the discovery and validation of biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2570. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize waivers by the Commissioner of Social Security of the 5-month waiting period for entitlement to benefits based on disability in cases in which the Commissioner determines that such waiting period would cause undue hardship to terminally ill beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2571. A bill to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 433. A resolution honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and selfless service to the United States have led to more than 1 million lives saved over the course of its long and storied 217-year history; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 434. A resolution designating the week of February 10-16, 2008, as "National Drug Prevention and Education Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 435. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 436. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1177, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1794, a bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.